# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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## <u>Outline</u>

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## <u>Outlook</u> <u>Review</u>

<u>TS Xavier</u> 11/3-11/6 Peak winds: 50 kt

<u>TC Three</u> 11/6-Present Peak winds: 35 kt

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



# Synopsis of Climate Modes

### ENSO: (October 11, 2018 Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: El Niño Watch
- El Niño is favored to form in the next couple of months and continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2018-19 (70-75% chance).

### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• The MJO entered the Indian Ocean this past week, although there is some uncertainty as to whether this may be a Kelvin wave given its rapid propagation.

• Dynamical models indicate continued eastward propagation of the MJO during the next two weeks, with Phase 2/3 anticipated during Week-1 and Phase 4/5 during Week-2.

#### Extratropics:

• The MJO is not anticipated to influence the mid-latitudes through mid-November, but could see a larger role starting around next weekend.

• The Atlantic and East Pacific look quiet given the suppressed phase of the MJO being in the vicinity, although an uptick in Indian Ocean tropical cyclone activity during the next week in the wake of the eastward-moving intraseasonal envelope.



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Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

**Below-normal temperatures** 

Forecaster: D.Harnos Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

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Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

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#### **IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies**

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

MJO became incoherent during mid to late October.

A couplet of anomalous **convergence** and **divergence** recently developed from the Maritime Continent and Pacific.

The circulation organized further into a wave-1 pattern with suppressed (enhanced) convection over the Pacific and Americas (Atlantic Ocean through Indian Ocean)



## **MJO Observation/Forecast**



- RMM index forecast ensemble means show continued eastward propagation at a fairly rapid speed early, followed by a slow down late.
- The late slow down is likely tied to differences in phase speed among the members being averaged to near zero.
- The building El Niño event in the Pacific biases these graphics towards Phases 7 and 8 (away from 3 and 4), resulting in skepticism for the weakening forecast in Phase 3/4 by the ECMWF.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

**MJO** and **Kelvin wave** contributions to the circulation pattern.

**Low-frequency pattern** with some influence over the Western Hemisphere. Also an impact exists near 150°E-180°, but it is not showing up in this field.

**Rossby waves** are also not highlighted in this field, but very active over the Indian Ocean and West Pacific.





November Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase











## **Connections to U.S. Impacts**





Today: Likely trending drier for precipitation for areas east of the Plains in Week-2.

90%





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